

## ABILENE REFLECTOR

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### CURRENT COMMENT.

A. H. COLQUITT has been re-elected United States Senator from Georgia. Mr. Grady refused to run.

All admirers of Robert Louis Stevenson will be glad to hear that he is in capital health and spirits.

By the will of Signor Ingommi, the prominent Roman advocate, lately deceased, the Pope inherits 1,000,000 francs.

The United States steamship Junata has to go into docks at Singapore to repair damages sustained in the recent typhoon.

The Italian and Austrian press comments favorably upon the promises of peace made by Emperor William in the Reichstag recently.

The joint caucus of Democratic members of the Alabama Legislature has agreed to support United States Senator Morgan for re-election.

A CONSPIRACY has been discovered at Medford, N. J. Forty-two of the ring leaders were arrested, and eleven who refused to surrender were shot dead.

The British cruiser Hyacinth has taken possession of the Cook Islands in the name of the British Government. The natives were reported rejoicing.

It is stated that an American has submitted to the French Government a contrivance by which dynamite shells can be fired from ordinary guns, exploding at the target.

CAPTAIN ADOLPH JAGER of the steamship Main has made one hundred round Atlantic voyages in the service of the North German Lloyd Company—a total of about 700,000 miles.

The Tageblatt says it learns that the Italian railway system is undergoing a radical reform in accordance with the plans of the German Government to facilitate the mobilization of troops.

M. LOUIS COIRAUD, a Frenchman from Lyons who died the other day in Florence, where he has resided many years, left his rich collection of ivories and enamels to the latter city. It is valued at some \$600,000.

WORK on the branch of the Mexican Central railroad from Tampico to San Luis Potosi is being pushed day and night, and the strike is ended on the road from Culm to Guadalajara. The Central railway is laying steel rails along the whole line.

Mrs. THURMAN is reported to be overjoyed at the result of the election. She dislikes the frumpy of official life in Washington and rejoices that she will not be obliged to exchange her peaceful home in Columbus for the bustle and tumult of the capital of the Nation.

A REBELLION was reported in the island of Formosa. The Chinese settlers, aided by the natives, took possession of the large walled town of Ching Hwa, where they received recruits, and then proceeded to another large town, Hagi, which they also occupied.

The annual report of the Railroad Commission of South Carolina shows an increase in the mileage of the railroads of South Carolina of nine per cent. during the past year and the remarkable increase of thirty-eight per cent. in their net earnings, the year having been an exceedingly prosperous one.

At a meeting of Havana merchants recently, a committee was appointed for the purpose of making every effort to effect the repeal of the recent decree imposing a consumption tax on all eatables, drinkables and fuel. The whole Cuban press has protested against the measure and the clamor against it has been so great that the mayor has resigned his position.

WHILE the President-elect was reading his mail the other afternoon he came across a blank circular sent out by a Philadelphia newspaper offering a prize of fifty dollars to the person who would fill in the correct names of General Harrison's Cabinet. As he read the circular it seemed to suggest an idea, for he remarked: "I think I could win that prize, but I won't try for it."

DR. BAUMANN, an Austrian traveler in Africa, gives a detailed account of the captivity and hardships of himself and a companion, Dr. Mayer, owing to the treachery of an Arab, who, he says, also organized the rising against the Germans in East Africa. Dr. Baumann mentions a rumor of a rising near the central lakes, which would account for the absence of news from Stanley.

THREE acres of the earth over Mineral Spring colliery, at Miners' Mills, near Wilkesbarre, Pa., caved in recently. When the earth went down it carried with it the main pipe of the Wilkesbarre Water Company, which conveyed water from the reservoir to the city. The water from the reservoir then poured into the mine, flooding it in a short time. The miners narrowly escaped.

THE action of the policemen in refusing to obey an order to remove obstructions from the tracks during the recent street car strike riot at Brooklyn, N. Y., has caused a sensation in police circles and attracts the attention of the public generally. The men were reported to the commissioners of police. Their defense was that they were hired as policemen, not to do manual labor, and that they refer to an old order issued during a similar strike in 1886, directing the force not to do any work for the railroad company, but merely to preserve the peace.

## NEWS OF THE WEEK

Gleaned by Telegraph and Mail.

### PERSONAL AND POLITICAL.

Efforts to unite the federal and progressive Republicans of Spain have failed. There was a report in Washington on the 20th that Colonel Lamont would be appointed Judge Advocate-General to succeed Swaim. Lamont denied the rumor. It is said a successor to Lord Selkirk was appointed by the British Government before the President goes out of office.

Official returns from the late elections in Ohio show a total vote of 841,941. Ryan's plurality for Secretary of State was 21,888. The total Labor vote was 3,452 and the Prohibition vote 19,420. The duel between M. Andreux and M. Guyot, resulting from the charge made by the latter in *La Lanterne*, of Paris, was fought on the 20th. Swords were used. Andreux received a slight wound in the chest.

SEKATOR VERT's committee investigating the beef business opened proceedings at St. Louis on the 20th.

The elections at Belgrade, Serbia, resulted in a riot. The troops were called out to restore order, and a collision occurred between the soldiers and the people. Many persons were injured.

The National Executive Committee of the Anti-Slavery Republicans has appointed a sub-committee, among whom is Albert Griffin, of Kansas.

The President-elect has tendered E. W. Halford, managing editor of the *Indianapolis Journal*, the position of private secretary. Mr. Halford is forty-five years of age, was born in England when a child with his parents, who settled in Cincinnati.

EDWARD HARRINGTON, who abused the Parnell Commission in his paper, the *Kerry Herald*, was fined \$200 for contempt of court. He refused to apologize.

DION BOUCAULT, the veteran actor, was reported dangerously sick at New York on the 21st.

JUDGE RUCKER on the 21st sent a letter to Judge Blackburn, of Kentucky, to fight a duel. The quarrel grew out of some statements made by Rucker with reference to the late election, for which Blackburn said he would like to kick him.

GEORGE S. KNIGHT, the actor, was reported suffering from brain trouble at New York.

REV. REY MAURICE A. WALSH, LL. D., pastor of St. Paul Roman Catholic Church and Vicar-General of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, died on the 22d.

CONGRESSMAN WOODBURN, of Nevada, was robbed while at his hotel at Washington recently. A colored boy was arrested and \$140 of the money recovered.

A CALL has been issued for a Constitutional convention to be held at Jamestown, December 5, to further the early adoption of the Detties into the Union. REV. ARTHUR BROOKS, Episcopal clergyman of New York, created somewhat of a sensation in the Church Congress recently by vigorously denouncing the secretary idea advanced in the government of the Church. He thought the secretary were and the more daring men they turned out the better. He believed in Episcopacy, but not in running colleges. His remarks were received with considerable applause.

It was rumored in Boulangerist circles on the 22d that the French Government intended to expel General Boulanger on a charge of conspiring to overthrow the existing Government.

EX-PRESIDENT HAYES addressed an important conference at Fairview, Chicago, on the night of the 22d on "Prison Reform."

GENERAL JOHN M. PALMER, late Democratic candidate for Governor of Illinois, has withdrawn from membership in the American Association of Prisoners, a belief that the organization had been used politically to defeat him.

An official canvass of the vote of Michigan gives Harrison a plurality of 22,666. The total number of votes cast, 475,394. The vote was divided as follows: Harrison, 238,370; Cleveland, 213,044; Fisk, 20,912; Streeter, 4,562.

BRIGADIER-GENERAL NELSON A. MILES assumed command of the division of the 23d on the 23d, vice General O. O. Howard.

The Electoral vote in New York State was as follows, the highest and lowest number of votes received by any elector being: Electoral—Republican, 650; Democratic, 635,995; Prohibition, 3,281; Socialist, 2,008; Union Labor, 651; United Labor (Electors at Large), 2,666.

### MISCELLANEOUS.

The family of William Morgan, a white farmer, were poisoned at Summerville, Ala., recently, some of them probably fatally. They ate food for dinner prepared by a negro servant, and immediately all fell ill. The negro was arrested.

PILOT EVANS and his boat's crew of four men were drowned off Nassau in the Bahamas recently.

The Harrison accommodation on the Big Four road left the track by reason of spreading rails about two miles from Harrison, Ind., on the 20th. Many of the passengers were seriously injured, one or two fatally.

FIFTY women converts to Mormonism were reported from the city of Salt Lake City under escort of two elders. It was reported that nearly 500 similarly deluded women from East Tennessee and North Georgia will go the same way in a week or two, starting from Chattanooga.

The Knights of Labor had a hot session at Indianapolis, Ind., on the 21st. The opposition to Powderly was more pronounced and stronger than suspected.

The annual meeting of the National Cattle Growers commenced at Chicago on the 20th.

F. F. ADAMS, city treasurer of Macon, Ga., is reported as being about \$20,000 short in his accounts. He has been suspended from office.

W. W. DAVIS, who jumped from the fourth story of the steam gauge and lantern company's building near Rochester, N. Y., on the night of the 19th, died of his injuries. He was the thirty-eighth known victim.

THE STATE military drill closed at Columbus, Ga., on the 21st. Prizes were awarded as follows: Southern cadets, Macon, first prize, \$1,000; second prize, Witt rifles, Columbus, Tenn., \$500; Columbus guards, Columbus, Ga., third prize, \$300.

The fourth annual convention of the National Editorial Association was held in San Antonio, Tex., on the 21st. Delegates were present from almost every State in the Union. President M. B. White, of Virginia, delivered the address.

EVICTED from the Des Moines river lands in Iowa commenced on the 20th. A farmer named Boyington resisted desperately, but was overpowered by the Federal officers.

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The German Reichstag reassembled on the 21st. Emperor William opened the session in person.

ADVANCES from Samson say that Matafe's forces attacked a stronghold held by the adherents of Tanomase at Neta, November 8, and succeeded in capturing the outposts after two days' fighting. Many of the combatants were killed.

It is said that peace has been restored in Hayti, the so-called rebels having run out of cash.

DETECTIVES think that General R. H. Bigger, of Atlanta, Ga., was first murdered in the hotel at Chattanooga, Tenn., by a negro, who then set the building on fire. The negro has been arrested with Biggar's money and property in his possession.

It was announced recently that a physician from New Orleans had died of yellow fever in Chicago. No fears of an epidemic were expressed.

The Railway Passenger and Freight Conductors' Mutual Aid and Benefit Association of the United States met at Chicago on the 20th.

The 10th volume of the report in the tenth census has just been issued. It completes a set of twenty-two volumes, aggregating 19,944 pages.

OVER one hundred children were hurt recently in a panic caused by an alarm of fire in the First ward school, Long Island City, N. Y.

SEVERAL persons were quite seriously hurt in a panic at the Boston store, Chicago, on the 22d, caused by a fool alarm of fire. "Fire" on the street caused the commotion created by the arrest of a pick-pocket.

PROF. H. P. VANDERGRIFT, of Clinton, Mo., was killed recently in a parachute performance at the Exposition at St. Louis. He fell about half a mile when the balloon collapsed. He released himself and parachute safely, but fell in the Chattahoochee river, where he was drowned.

A SPECIAL from London, Tex., says: Officers after a long chase in the Chattahoochee National succeeded in overhauling and killing a desperado supposed to be John Barber, one of the celebrated Kep Queen gang of outlaws. The gang had killed an Indian and were wanted for attempted train robbery.

It is reported that a Chicago syndicate is about to secure control of four St. Louis street railway lines, whose capital stock aggregate nearly three millions of dollars.

ARTICLES of incorporation of a new and different kind of railroad, the Chicago, Minn., and Kansas City, Mo., have been filed at the former city.

AN Anarchist circular of the style adopted by Parsons and Spies was distributed through the saloons of the West and Northwest sections of Chicago on the 23d, asking for subscriptions to defend the alleged dynamiters, Hronch, Cheboun and Sevic.

EXPORTS of merchandise from the United States during the twelve months ended October 31, 1888, as compared with similar exports during the corresponding period of 1887 were for 1888 \$724,605,230; 1887, \$678,422,850. The values of the imports for 1888, \$707,197,188; 1887, \$722,776,039.

OLAF SUND, cashier of the New York Daily News, has reported to the attorney general a preliminary investigation disclosed the fact that Sunde absconded with at least \$5,000.

The strike of switchmen at Indianapolis, Ind., assumed a serious phase on the 23d. Business at the railroad yards was at a complete standstill.

JAMES E. BEDELL, of New York, who swindled his employers and their clients out of \$264,000 has been sentenced to twenty-five years' imprisonment.

The New York State Court has handed down an important decision in which it seems that the Bell Telephone Company is liable for New York State taxes. The State claimed the right to collect a tax of one-half of one per cent on the gross receipts.

By the burning of the Fort Wayne (Ind.) Jenney Electric Light Company's plant recently \$250,000 damage was done. Insurance, \$100,000.

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WILLIAM HAWK was arrested at Hutchinson the other day for illicit distilling within a stone's throw of the city market's residence. Hawk had an old threshing machine engine which he kept at the time, and he was supposed to be making a chop mixture for feeding hogs. This he had kept up for nearly a year, when it was discovered that he was making and selling a poor grade of whisky. The still was taken possession of and Hawk sent to jail.

The Union Pacific railway recently filed its annual report with the Railroad Commissioner at Topeka. It shows the earnings of the company for the last year to have been \$28,000,753.43, and the total expenses \$18,322,449.70. The company also reported an income of \$9,678,303.73 from stock owned, and \$716,970 from bonds owned, and \$394,189 from miscellaneous investments during the year. The company received \$121,853.63 from sales of lands and \$54,759 from the sale of stock. The total income for the year was \$15,458,793, which has been received from the sales of its land up to the present time. The total bonded debt of the company is \$12,445,517. It has issued stock to the amount of \$63,868,500 to build and equip the road.

Some time ago Laura M. Johns, president of the Kansas Equal Suffrage Association, and Mrs. Fanny H. Rastall, president of the Kansas W. C. T. U., issued a call to all State organizations of women to send representatives to Emporia for the next session of the Kansas Equal Suffrage Association, for the purpose of forming a Kansas Council of Women. Accordingly at the close of the late session of the Equal Suffrage Association representatives of the various organizations met and formed a permanent association, and the following officers chosen: President, Mrs. C. H. Cushing, Leavenworth; vice-president, Mrs. I. W. Hanna, Emporia; auditor, Mrs. J. L. Hunting, Leavenworth; treasurer, Mrs. Graves, Emporia; secretary, Mrs. Mary Abert, Topeka. The Council adjourned to meet in Leavenworth next May, when fuller plans will be arranged and perfected for work.

The Equal Suffrage Association closed its session at Emporia by holding a reception for the women of Kansas to exercise their rights to the fullest extent in regard to municipal suffrage, and also in favor of making a test case to decide whether women have the right to vote for county school superintendents. The resolution provided that the Legislature be petitioned to strike out the word "male" in article 1, section 5 of the constitution was reconsidered. The officers elected were: Mrs. Laura M. Johns, president; Mrs. Anna C. Wall, Lincoln, vice-president; Dr. J. H. Smith, Topeka, secretary; Mrs. W. H. Wickett, Wichita; Mrs. Lizzie Hopkins, corresponding secretary, Salina; Mrs. Berry, treasurer, Cawker City.

The other evening Levi Meeker, wife and eight-year-old daughter, who lived on the Southern Kansas railroad track by a son. It was supposed that they were struck by a train while crossing the track in a wagon.

The other morning a carpenter named John fell from the roof of the Kansas University. Wickett, a distance of ninety feet, and was instantly killed.

ACCORDING to a table compiled by the Board of Railroad Commissioners there are operated in Kansas by the various railroads, 7,399.16 miles of road. The Missouri Pacific has 2,179; Union Pacific, 1,151.23; Chicago, Kansas & Nebraska, 437.81; Burlington & Missouri River, 259.13; Santa Fe, Port Scott & Memphis, 236.9; Missouri & North Western, 157.5; St. Joseph & Grand Island, 138; Kansas City & Pacific, 125; Wichita & Western, 124.9; Dodge City & Trinidad, 51, and the Kansas City, Clinton & Springfield, 23.10. The total number of miles built in 1888 was 345.15.

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## TRACK TROUBLES.

Much Bitterness Aroused at Indianapolis By the Arrest of Strikers.

Something Like a Riot and Worse Threatened—The Vanderbilt Switchmen.

Move For More Pay and Less Work—Engineers on the Southern Pacific Have a Grievance.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Nov. 26.—During the early evening on Saturday a large number of strikers gathered at the market place to the Panhandle yards. They spent their time in loud abuse of the substitutes working the passing trains and shouting and the familiar "scab" at them.

Among the crowd it was said that if the front cars of the road were continued to work after dark they were going to "lay for them and break their necks with rocks." They sent deputations to the men at work and made similar announcements at their meeting. A number of the new men thereupon became alarmed and left their posts, taking the early evening freights out of town. Nothing could induce them to remain.

A crowd at the Noble street crossing became very boisterous as early as six o'clock and a Panhandle switching train so that it was brought to a full stop. The ill-feeling of the men was increased by the Panhandle officials discharging the strikers who were in their employ. Two of the switchmen thus dismissed were receiving \$81 a month at the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton who struck was getting \$83, and four more \$75. Probably the strikers' wages were over the city averaged from \$65 to \$70, and they are among the best paid unskilled employed in this country.

Late Saturday night warrants were sworn out for the arrest of four of the railroad strikers, and one of the leaders, A. Conkling, was placed under arrest, but was immediately released on bail. This was immediately followed by the arrest of a crowd of strikers, among the strikers and they intimate that if this policy is to be pursued the engineers and firemen will come to their assistance. Railroad officials, however, claim that they have the right to discharge the strikers, and that the day of the strike is broken, and that to-day will witness the moving of their trains with considerable promptness.